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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 7-10, 2010 with a random sample of -1,025— adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -511—national adults in Form A and -514—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ±5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

21. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

	More strict	Less strict	Kept as now	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	44	12	42	2
2009 Oct 1-4	44	12	43	1
2008 Oct 3-5	49	8	41	2
2007 Oct 4-7	51	8	39	2
2006 Oct 9-12	56	9	33	2
2005 Oct 13-16	57	7	35	1
2004 Oct 11-14	54	11	34	1
2004 Jan 9-11	60	6	34	*
2003 Oct 6-8	55	9	36	*
2002 Oct 14-17	51	11	36	2
2001 Oct 11-14	53	8	38	1
2000 May 5-7	62	5	31	2
2000 Apr 7-9	61	7	30	2
1999 Dec 9-12	60	10	29	1
1999 Aug 3-4	66	6	27	1
1999 Jun 25-27	62	6	31	1
1999 May 23-24	65	5	28	2
1999 Apr 26-27	66	7	25	2
1999 Feb 8-9	60	9	29	2
1995 Apr 23-24 ^	62	12	24	2
1993 Dec 17-19	67	7	25	1
1993 Mar 12-14	70	4	24	2
1991 Mar 21-24	68	5	25	2
1990 Sep 10-11	78	2	17	3

^ Asked of half sample.

22. Do you think there should or should not be a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by the police and other authorized persons?

	Should be	Should not be	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	29	69	1
2009 Oct 1-4	28	71	1
2008 Oct 3-5	29	69	2
2007 Oct 4-7	30	68	2
2006 Oct 9-12	32	66	2
2005 Oct 13-16	35	64	1
2004 Oct 11-14	36	63	1
2003 Oct 6-8	32	67	1
2002 Oct 14-17	32	65	3
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	36	62	2
1999 Apr 26-27	38	59	3
1999 Feb 8-9	34	64	2
1993 Dec 17-19	39	60	1
1993 Mar 12-14	42	54	4
1991 Mar 21-24	43	53	4
1990 Sep 10-11	41	55	4
1988 Jul 1-7	37	59	4
1987 Oct 12-18	42	50	8
1982 Apr 2-5	41	54	5
1981 Jun 19-22	41	54	5
1981 Apr 3-6	39	58	3
1980 Dec 12-21	38	51	11
1979 Nov 2-5 ^	31	65	4
1975 Mar 7-10 ^	41	55	4
1965 Jan 7-12 †	49	44	7
1959 Jul 23-28 †	60	36	4

^ WORDING: Now here is a question about pistols and revolvers. Do you think there should or should not be a law which would forbid the possession of this type of gun except by the police and other authorized persons?

† WORDING: What about the possession of pistols and revolvers--do you think there should be a law which would forbid the possession of this type of gun except by the police or other authorized persons?

Now, thinking about your own situation,

23. Do you have a gun in your home?

	Yes	No	No opinion		Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	39	59	2	1996 Jul 25-28	38	60	2
				1993 Dec 17-21	49	50	*
2009 Oct 1-4	40	57	4	1993 Oct 13-18	51	48	1
2008 Oct 3-5	42	56	2	1993 Mar 12-14	48	51	1
2007 Oct 4-7	42	57	1	1991 May 16-19	46	53	1
2006 Oct 9-12	43	54	3	1991 Mar 21-24	48	51	1
2005 Oct 13-16	40	59	1	1990 Sep 10-11	47	52	1
2004 Oct 11-14	38	61	1	1989 Feb 28-Mar 2	47	51	2
				1985 Apr 12-15	44	55	1
2003 Oct 6-8	43	56	1	1983 May 13-16	40	58	2
2002 Oct 14-17	41	58	1	1980 Jan 2	45	53	2
2001 Oct 11-14	40	59	1	1975 Oct 3-6	44	54	2
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	39	60	1				
2000 Apr 7-9	42	57	1	1972 May 23	43	55	2
1999 Apr 26-27	34	64	2	1968	50	50	--
1999 Feb 8-9	36	62	2	1965 Jan 7-12	48	52	--
1997 Aug 22-25	42	57	1	1959 Jul 23-28	49	51	--
1996 Nov 21-24	44	54	2				

24. (Asked of those who do not have a gun in their home) Do you have a gun anywhere else on your property such as in your garage, barn, shed or in your car or truck?

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.23-24): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	Gun in home	Gun elsewhere	No gun	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	39	2	57	2
2009 Oct 1-4	40	2	55	4
2008 Oct 3-5	42	1	55	1
2007 Oct 4-7	42	2	55	1
2005 Oct 13-16	40	2	57	1
2004 Oct 11-14	38	2	59	1
2003 Oct 6-8	43	2	54	1
2002 Oct 14-17	41	3	55	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	39	2	58	1
1999 Feb 8-9	36	6	56	2
1996 Nov 21-24	44	1	53	2
1996 Jul 25-28	38	2	58	2
1993 Dec 17-21	49	5	45	*
1991 May 16-19	46	4	49	1

25. (Asked of those who have a gun in their home or on their property) What is the total number of guns kept in your house or property?

BASED ON -419—WHO HAVE A GUN IN THEIR HOME OR ON THEIR PROPERTY; ± 6 PCT PTS

	1	2-4	5+	No opinion	Mean	Median
2010 Oct 7-10	30	37	22	11	4.2	2
2004 Oct 11-14	31	33	29	7	4.4	3
2002 Oct 14-17	23	45	24	8	4.0	3
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	28	41	21	10	4.1	2
1999 Feb 8-9	26	38	24	12	4.4	3
1996 Jul 25-28	28	34	25	13	4.3	3
1993 Dec 17-21	24	39	29	8	4.5	--

COMBINED RESULTS (Q.23-25): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	Do not own a gun	1	2-4	5+	No opinion	Mean	Median
2010 Oct 7-10	57	12	15	9	7	1.6	0
2004 Oct 11-14	59	12	13	12	4	1.7	0
2002 Oct 14-17	55	10	20	11	4	1.9	0
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	58	11	17	9	5	1.6	0
1999 Feb 8-9	60	10	14	10	6	1.7	0
1996 Jul 25-28	58	1	14	10	7	1.6	0

26. (Asked of those who have a gun in their home or on their property) Do you personally own a gun, or do the gun or guns in your household belong to another household member?

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.23-24 AND Q.26): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	Personally own	Other household member owns	No gun owned	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	28	13	57	2
2009 Oct 1-4	29	13	55	4
2008 Oct 3-5	30	13	55	1
2007 Oct 4-7	28	16	55	1
2005 Oct 13-16	30	12	57	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	27	14	58	1

